

Before I take up the next item, the interpellations, I would like to say a word about the two meetings of this newly constituted Second Council—I refer to the preliminary meeting held in the month of Mithunam 1103 and the Budget Session in Karkadagam 1103 which comprised a sitting of eleven days. I had to be absent from these meetings on account of my illness; but nevertheless I was kept in close touch with the proceedings of the Council from day to day. The preliminary meeting was more or less a formal affair, the principal part of the business being the swearing in of the Members of the Council. As regards the Budget Session, I was immensely gratified to learn that the proceedings of the session went off in an eminently satisfactory manner, thanks to the dignified, tactful and sympathetic conduct of the President and the hearty co-operation and support of the Hon'ble Members of this House.

I now proceed to the next item, 'Questions and Answers.'

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before we enter into the item, Questions and Answers, I, on behalf of the Party, would like to express our great gladness to you that you are restored and that you are come again amidst us as before.

President.—I wish to thank you most heartily for the kind sentiment expressed with regard to my restoration of health. No doubt, I was laid up for a pretty long time, but, by the grace of Providence I was soon restored to health, and I am now here to my duty.

Questions and Answers.

Number of Aided Schools in the State.

1. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the total number of Aided Schools in the State;

(b) a caste-war statement of management?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) 489.

(b)	Hindus.	Christians.	Muslims.	Jews.	Total.
	182	292	14	1	489.

Vaintala L. S. School.

2. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total loss in running the Vaintala Government School (Lower Secondary) till now;

(b) what part of the loss are the Committee to pay according to the terms of the agreement; what have they paid or promised to pay;

(c) what is the present strength of the School and the number of classes; what will be the loss this year; how much of this will be paid by the Committee; and who form the Committee?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The total loss up to 1103 is Rs. 3,714-0-8.

(b) According to the terms of the agreement the Committee are bound to send 20 pupils to each of the Form Classes and in default to make good the deficit on account of shortage of pupils. They have paid Rs. 300.

(c) Strength 38.

Number of classes 4. The loss for 1103 is estimated to be Rs. 902-2-6. The whole affair has been closed on a cash payment of Rs. 300 and the school has been transferred to the management of the Committee to be run as a recognised institution. The following gentlemen form the Committee :—

1. Chakkalamittah Kanichai Ittoop Thoman
2. Do Ittoop Chakkappan
3. Do Ittoop Ittiri
4. Do Ittoop Kunjuvareed
5. Do Antony Ittoop
6. Do Ouseph Ittoop
7. Do Kanichai Varkey Ouseph
8. Do Varkey Poullose
9. Do Varkey Devassy
10. Valiya Veetil Thoman Chakkappan
11. Do Antony Kunjuvareed